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I. WEEKLY SUMMARY

CONGRESSIONAL SCHEDULE

House

Actions of interest in the House this week include:

- Mark up of FY 2003 Appropriations for Veterans' Administration, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies

Senate

No actions of interest have been scheduled for the Senate.

FY 2003 APPROPRIATIONS

Continuing Resolution (CR) On October 4, President Bush signed *P.L. 107-235* to continue funding Federal programs under the 13 annual appropriations bills until October 11, 2002. **Congress is currently working on a third CR, which is expected to keep the Federal Government operational at FY 2002 funding levels (including FY 2002 emergency supplemental funding).** Congress has several options for FY 2003:

- Continue passing short-term continuing resolutions (e.g., one day, one week);
- Pass a CR to extend beyond the November 5 elections when Congress may return to complete work on pending authorizations bills (e.g., establishment of a Department of Homeland Security); or
- Pass a long-term bill that keeps the government operational well into 2003.

Congress is expected to leave town either October 11 or 18 to campaign for the November elections.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES/VOTES

Comprehensive Energy Legislation Conferees continue to negotiate differences between the House and Senate bills – *H.R. 4* and *S. 517*. Last week, conferees met on two occasions and are expected to meet again on October 8. Major sticking points include language dealing with utility restructuring and a renewable portfolio standard, ethanol, climate change, and drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. If conferees can agree on these provisions this week and if Congress remains in session until October 18, it is possible for a negotiated bill to reach the House and Senate floor. If progress is not made this week, but Congress returns after the November mid-term elections, it is possible conferees could resume negotiations on the bill. However, there are a number of competing high-priority bills including FY 2003 appropriations and Homeland Security.

Defense Appropriations Conferees are expected to begin meeting on *H.R. 5010/S. Rpt. 107-213* on October 8. House and Senate provisions of interest are listed below:

House Provisions

Unspecified funding across services for barracks renovation and dining facilities, depot maintenance, and related activities. Provides funds for acquisition of new vehicles for Army (40), Navy (141), Air Force (263), Defense-Wide (99)

Senate Provisions

Reduces House request for utility privatization by \$9 million (does not specify House funding level)

Military Construction Conferees Conferees are tentatively scheduled to begin discussions on resolving House and Senate differences on *H. R. 5011* and *S. 2709* during the week of October 7. House and Senate provisions of interest include the following:

House

Military Construction Projects - *\$5.3 billion and includes:*

- Barracks - \$1.2 billion
- Child development centers - \$18 million
- Hospital and medical facilities - \$151 million

Family Housing - *\$4.2 billion and includes:*

- New family housing units and improvements to existing units - \$1.3 billion
- Operation and maintenance of existing units - \$2.9 billion

Base Realignment and Closure - *\$545 million and includes:*

Operations and maintenance, permanent change of station, other costs, and offsetting reductions - \$60 million

Senate

Military Construction:

- Barracks Construction - \$1.157 billion to modernize 46 barracks projects
- Child Development Centers - \$10.7 million to construct two centers
- Army - \$1,679.212 billion (includes \$136.835 million for planning, design, architect and engineering services and host nation support)
- Navy - \$ 1,216.643 billion (includes \$91.620 million for planning, design, architect and engineering services)
- Air Force - \$1,175.617 billion (includes \$87.555 million for planning, design, architect and engineering services)
- Defense-Wide - \$927.242 million (includes \$57.789 million for planning, design, architect and engineering services)
- Army National Guard - \$208.482 million
- Air National Guard - \$217.988 million
- Army Reserve - \$66.487 million
- Air Force Reserve - \$58.209 million
- **Energy Conservation Investment Program - \$49.531 million**

Family Housing Construction – Includes Recession (Does not include Operation and Maintenance)

- Army - \$282.856 million
- Navy and Marine Corps - \$374.468 million
- Air Force - \$676.694 million
- Defense-Wide – \$5.480 million

Refer to www.eren.doe.gov/femp/resources/pdfs/fy03_congress for the status of pending FY 2003 appropriations bills.

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II. COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

HOUSE

FY 2003 Appropriations This week, the House may begin work on FY 2003 Appropriations for Veterans' Administration, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies (includes the Environmental Protection Agency) at the subcommittee and possibly full committee level.. The Senate Committee on Appropriations has already marked up a bill (*S. 2797*), which is pending full Senate consideration.

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SENATE

Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations In recent weeks, negotiations over wild fire issues have delayed passage of *S. 2708* in the Senate. The bill funds the Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy programs as well as Department of Interior's building construction and renovation projects. The bill also provides funding for the National Park's Services facilities backlog maintenance and repair projects. **Current thinking indicates that further action on the bill will not occur until after the November elections.** The House passed their version of the bill, *H.R. 5093*, on July 17.

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III. STATUS OF FY03 APPROPRIATIONS BILLS

(In Billions)

HOUSE

SENATE

<i>Jurisdiction/ FY 2003 Budget Request</i>	<i>302(b) Allocation ns/ Approve d Funding Level</i>	<i>Bill No.</i>	<i>Full Cmte.</i>	<i>Floor</i>	<i>Conf.</i>	<i>302(b) Allocation ns/Approv ed Funding Level</i>	<i>Bill No.</i>	<i>Full Cmte.</i>	<i>Floor</i>	<i>Conf.</i>
Agriculture \$17.051	\$ 17.601	HR 5263	7/11	7/26		\$ 17.980	S 2801	7/25		
Commerce \$ 40.333	\$ 40.726	-	7/18			\$ 43.475	S 2778	7/18		
Defense \$356.598	\$354.7	HR 5010	6/24	6/27	Week of Oct. 7	\$ 355.1	S Rpt 107- 213	7/18	8/1	Week of Oct. 7
Energy and Water Development \$25.149	\$ 26.027	HR 5431	9/05			\$ 26.300	S 27844	7/24		
Interior \$18.953	\$ 19.8	HR 5093	7/9	7/17		\$ 19.35	S. 2708	6/27		
Labor / HHS \$129.902	\$129.902	HR 5320				\$133.988	S 2766	7/18		
Military Construction \$ 9.541	\$ 10.083	HR 5011	6/24	6/27	Week of Oct. 7	\$ 10.622	S 2709	6/27	7/18	Week of Oct. 7
Transportation \$ 19.851	\$ 19.411	-	Oct. 1			\$ 21.1	S 2808	7/25		
Treasury \$ 17.960	\$ 18.501	HR 5120	7/9	7/24		\$ 18.501	S 2740	7/16		
VA/HUD \$ 92.518	\$ 91.841	-				\$ 91.434	S 2797	7/25		
Continuing Resolution H J Res 112 P.L. 107-235				10/3				10/3		

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IV. NEW LEGISLATION

(Note: Once a new bill is introduced, the Government Printing Office generally requires from several days to one week to make the bill available in print)

HOUSE

There is no new legislation of interest to report.

SENATE

Number	Short title	Date	Sponsor	Status
S. 3106	<i>Sun Grant Initiative for Renewable Energy and Biobased Products Act</i>	September 30	Tom Daschle (D/SD)	Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
	Key Provisions:	To enhance national energy security through the development, distribution, and implementation of biobased energy technologies, the bill amends the <i>Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002</i> . The amendment would require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish research, extension, and educational programs to implement biobased energy technologies, products, and economic diversification in rural areas of the U.S. Bill would provide funding for sun grant centers at a university in each of the North Central, Southeastern, South Central, Western, and Northeastern regions of the U.S.		
S. 2024	<i>Sun Grant Initiative for Renewable Energy and Biobased Products Act</i>	June 17	Robert Smith (R/NH)	Referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works
	Key Provisions:	Amends <i>Title 23, United States Code</i> , to authorize use of electric personal assistive mobility devices on trails and pedestrian walkways constructed or maintained with Federal-aid highway funds. Electric personal assistive mobility devices have been found to: employ advances in technology and energy efficiency to fully and safely integrate the user with pedestrian transportation; enable individuals to travel farther and carry more without use of traditional vehicles; promote gains in productivity; minimizes environmental impacts; and facilitate better use of public walkways.		

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V. ADMINISTRATION INITIATIVES

No new initiatives or announcements of interest to report.

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VI. HEARINGS SCHEDULE

HOUSE – COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Date/Committee	Chair	Hearing Title/Issues	Witnesses	Time/Location
<i>October 8 -</i> Subcommittee on Veterans' Administration, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies and Committee on Appropriations <i>(Tentative)</i> <i>(NEW)</i>	Ernest Istook (R/OK) – Subcommittee Bill Young (R/FL) – Full Committee	<i>Mark Up – FY 2003 Appropriations for</i> Veterans' Administration, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies and	N/A	Time - TBA Room - TBA Location - TBA

HOUSE – AUTHORIZATIONS/OVERSIGHT

No new hearings, mark ups, or votes of interest have been scheduled.

SENATE – COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE NEGOTIATIONS/FLOOR VOTES

Date/Committee	Bill	Time/Location
<i>October 8</i> <i>(Tentative)</i> <i>(Ongoing)</i>	<i>H.R.4/S.517</i> (Comprehensive Energy Legislation) to enhance energy conservation, research and development and to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people.	Time – TBA
<i>October 8</i> <i>(NEW)</i>	<i>H.R. 5010/S. 107-213</i> – FY 2003 Defense Appropriations	10:30 a.m. Room SC-8 Capitol
<i>Week of October 7</i> <i>(Tentative)</i> <i>(NEW)</i>	<i>H.R. 5011/S. 2709</i> – FY 2003 Military Construction Appropriations	Time – TBD Room – TBD Location - TBD

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